

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 84

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mark Herron upon
being named Hamblen County High School
Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Mark Herron is one such estimable educator who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Herron has recently been selected Teacher of the Year for Hamblen County at the high school level, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Mark Herron is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, a truly capable educator, Mr. Herron skillfully teaches French II and English II at Morristown-Hamblen High School West and has served with the utmost ability as a faculty member of that institution for sixteen years; and

WHEREAS, he earned a Master of Education degree and Bachelor of Arts degree in French and English from East Tennessee State University and completed a study abroad program at Universite Catholique de Lille/Polytechnicum de Lille/Clarife in Lille, France; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure at West High, Mark Herron has served as a supervisor of student-teachers and practicum students, accompanist for West High choirs and

theatre productions, teen mentor, and tour leader of student trips to Europe, Hawaii, Australia, and New Zealand; and

WHEREAS, an active and important member of his profession and community, Mr. Herron is a valued member of the National Association of Teachers of French and the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages; and

WHEREAS, this innovative and inspiring leader in education has shared his vast knowledge and sage insights with his fellow educators through his presentations at several in-service meetings, including Reaching the Tough to Teach, Foreign Language Instruction, East Tennessee Foreign Language Forum, Thoughtful Classroom, Advanced Placement Summer Institute, and Teaching Foreign Language on the Block System; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Herron has also distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order by lending his time and tremendous talents to numerous noteworthy causes, including as a high school forensics judge and chaperone, youth counselor at First United Methodist Church, and committee member on the Eagle Board for Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Mr. Herron has received a plethora of awards; he is a former Hamblen County Teacher of the Year, a winner of the VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award, and was nominated for Disney Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mark Herron truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Herron epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Mark Herron on his selection as the Hamblen County High School Teacher of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.